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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, the term for response to which expires on January 19, 2006.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-3 are amended; claims 4-6 and 10-12 are canceled; and claims 7-9 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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